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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-2, 26, 32, 33

The sensor has a frequency response of at least 1 kHz.

1.1. claims: 1, 3, 4, 32, 34, 35

The sensor produces an output representative of the force applied to it.

1.2. claims: 1, 5, 32, 36

The sensor is arranged to detect thumps having an energy in the range 1J to 20J.

1.3. claims: 1, 6, 7, 27, 28, 32, 37, 38

Optical sensor.

1.4. claims: 1, 10, 11, 32, 41, 42

The mechanical properties of the target region are selected to simulate the precordial region of the chest of a patient.

1.5. claims: 1, 12

Means for analysing the manual thump.

1.6. claims: 1, 13

Means for outputting an indication of the detected parameters.

1.7. claims: 1, 21

Output port.

1.8. claims: 1, 22-25, 32, 51-54

A computer system.

2. claims: 1, 8, 9, 32, 39, 40

A pre-impact speed detector.

3. claims: 1, 14-20, 29-31, 32, 43-50

An array of sensors.

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Information on patent family members

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